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Dear FDO

In reference to Docket # 98P-0151/CPI
 regarding Downed Animals.
 I applaud the FDA for announcing
 a landmark policy to stop marketing meat
 from downed cows for federal programs, includ-
 ing National School Lunch Program,

I strongly urge the FDA to grant
 petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit
 the slaughter of downed animals.

My points are 1. Downed animals to such
 or injured should not be allowed for human
 consumption 2. There is evidence that downed
 animals may be affected with a form of
 BSE (MDD cow disease) which has been
 linked to a variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)

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- ③ It's impossible to move downed animals humanely, ~~that~~ with broken bones, torn muscles, ligaments, tendons and bruises.
- ④ Economic industries would not be considered for a very small percentage of animals slaughtered are Downed Animals.
- ⑤ Experts in the industry stress that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care & handling.

Please consider these facts and
stop the use of "Downed Animals"
as part of the human food chain.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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NO DOWNERS

"Downed animal" and "downer" are livestock industry terms used to describe farm animals who are too sick even to stand. Despite their condition, these incapacitated cows, pigs, and other animals are routinely marketed and slaughtered for human food. They suffer horribly in transit and at stockyards and slaughterhouses throughout the United States.

Incapable of getting to food or water troughs, downed animals endure hours or days without receiving their basic needs. They are commonly denied necessary veterinary care, and many die of neglect.

It is practically impossible to move downed animals humanely. They are routinely dragged with chains or pushed with tractors and forklifts — procedures which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Existing laws do not adequately protect farm animals from egregious cruelty or neglect. Downed animals have literally been discarded in trash bins or on piles of dead animals, and shockingly, this has been considered legal.

Please turn over to help stop this abuse

www.nodowners.org

Help Stop Downed Animal Suffering



■ **Contact your Congressional Representative and Senators** and urge them to cosponsor the Downed Animal Protection Act.

■ **Write to Richard Pombo**, Chair of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, and urge him to hold hearings and pass the Downed Animal Protection Act.

The Honorable Richard Pombo
U.S. House of Representatives
2411 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

■ **Write to Richard G. Lugar**, Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and urge him to hold hearings and pass the Downed Animal Protection Act.

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
U.S. Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1401

■ **Write to Dan Glickman**, Secretary of Agriculture, and urge him to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for human food. Besides causing intolerable animal suffering, the slaughter of downed animals poses a threat to human health.

The Honorable Dan Glickman
Secretary of Agriculture
14th St. & Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

■ **Join Farm Sanctuary.** The organization operates shelters for rescued farm animals in New York and California and campaigns to stop farm animal abuse.

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